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1. SOFOFA STUDIES SHOW CUMULATIVE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR FIRST THREE MONTHS THIS YEAR WAS APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO 1973 LEVEL DURING FIRST QUARTER. OUTPUT IN APRIL AND MAY IS UP IN ABSOLUTE AND RELATIVE TERMS. INDEX NUMBERS FOR JANUARY THROUGH MAY WERE: (1969 EQUALS 100) 107.8; 83.9; 115.9; 116.6; AND 119.7. PERCENTAGE CHAGES COMPARED TO SAME MONTHS IN 1973 FOR JANUARY THROUGH MAY 1974 ARE: PLUS 6.1; 0.0; MINUS 4.1; PLUS 7.9 AND PLUS 8.1. ON A CUMULATIVE BASIS THE PERCENT OF CHANGE FOR 1974 WITH RESPECT TO 1973 FOR THESE SAME MONTHS ARE: PLUS 6.1; PLUS 3.5; PLUS 0.4; PLUS 2.4; AND PLUS 3.6

2. SMALL SIZE OF INCREASE REFLECTS NOT ONLY DEMAND FACTORS BUT ALSO SUPPLY PROBLEMS IN RAW MATERIALS OF BOTH NATIONAL AND IMPORT ORIGIN.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AUSTERITY PROGRAM OF GOC HAS UNEVEN IMPACT ON INDUSTRY. SECTORS MOST ADVERSELY AFFECTED ARE CONSUMER GOODS, PARTICULARLY BOTTED DRINKS, CLOTHES, SHOES, PUBLICATIONS AND PLASCTIC PRODUCTS. CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS SHOW A SLIGHT (PLUS 1.9 PERCENT) INCREASE ON CUMULATIVE BASIS.

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DEMAND FOR CAPITAL AND INTERMEDIATE GOODS REMAINS

STRONG REFLECTING CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE AND KNOWLEDGE
THAT INFLATION MAKES POSTPONEMENT THESE PURCHASES UNWISE.
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